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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY

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FOLLOWING REPEAT BRIDGETOWN 0245 ACTION SECSTATE GEORGETOWN  
PORT OF SPAIN 9 FEB

QUOTE

S E C R E T BRIDGETOWN 0245

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: THREAT TO LIFE OF EMBASSY GEORGETOWN DCM

1. NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BARBADOS E.O. KOLADE  
(RESIDENT PORT OF SPAIN) TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY EARLY A.M.  
TODAY (FEB. 9) IN GRENADA THAT HE HAD LEARNED OF A POTENTIAL  
THREAT TO LIFE OF EMBASSY GEORGETOWN DCM. ACCORDING TO  
KOLADE, IN GUYANA, DCM IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE CIA  
STATION CHIEF AND, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF RICHARD WELCH  
IN ATHENS, HE, TOO, WAS MARKED FOR DEATH (BY  
WHOM, KOLADE DID NOT SAY). KOLADE ADDED THAT DCM  
WAS SPARED ONLY BECAUSE HE IS BLACK.

2. COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT KOLADE MEANT DCM WADE  
MATTHEWS, AND NOT ANOTHER FSO AT GEORGETOWN, HIS  
INACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF MATTHEW'S RACE OBVIOUSLY  
RAISES QUESTIONS AS TO ACCURACY OF REPORT AS A WHOLE.  
NEVERTHELESS, I THOUGHT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY GEORGETOWN

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SHOULD BE INFORMED SO THAT ALL DUE PRECAUTIONS MAY

BE TAKEN.  
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